

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6527

INFO AMCONSUL SYDNEY

AMCONSUL MELBOURNE

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FOR DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER FROM PERCIVAL

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ: SECURITY PROTECTION AFFORDED PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS AT OVERSEAS  
POSTS

1. I HAVE LOOKED HARD AT THE SECURITY POSTURE OF THIS POST SINCE  
ARRIVAL IN MID-MAY AND CAN READILY SEE THAT A NUMBER  
OF IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE SINCE INSTITUTION OF  
TERRORISM BUDGET TWO YEARS AGO. THESE IMPROVEMENTS  
HAVE BEEN MOSTLY IN ADDITIONAL RESOURCES--PERSONNEL:  
INCLUDING RSO, TSO, ADDITIONAL MARINE, AND  
RECENTLY ARRIVED SEABEE; AND EQUIPMENT: ARMORED  
LIMOUSINE, RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, BOMB BLANKET,  
SOME SHOTGUNS, MACE AND CLOSED CIRCUIT TV.

2. CANDIDLY WHILE THESE RESOURCES HAVE BEEN ADDED, I DO NOT  
THINK IT WOULD BE TOO DIFFICULT FOR DETERMINED GROUP OF  
TERRORISTS TO GET INTO THIS CHANCERY OR TO GRAB THE  
AMBASSADOR IN HIS RESIDENCE. SPRAWLING CHANCERY  
IS DIFFICULT BUILDING TO PROTECT BUT THERE  
ARE PRACTICAL THINGS THAT CAN BE DONE TO HELP CONTROL  
PUBLIC ACCESS BETTER THAN IN THE PAST. THESE MEASURES  
ARE BEING TAKEN.

3. WE ARE SENDING BY SEPTTEL PLANS FOR MAKING ACCESS EVEN MORE  
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DIFFICULT AND GIVING THE MARINES A BETTER DEFENSIVE

POSTURE. THESE WILL REQUIRE FUNDING AND SOME  
STRUCTURAL CHANGES TO CHANCERY.

4. I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY SO FAR ONLY TO VISIT CONGENS  
MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY. NEITHER HAS MARINES. BOTH ARE IN  
HIGH RISE COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS. RSO BELIEVES MOST  
EXPEDITIOUS WAY PROVIDE THEM WITH ADDITIONAL SECURITY  
QUICKLY WOULD BE TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT  
WATCHMEN/RECEPTIONISTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS ARE  
ALSO IN SEPTTEL.  
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